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RECYCLING AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need to work out effective strategies for the recycling and proper disposal of wastes in the country in order to protect the environment from pollution; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)
(a & b) Yes, Sir. Legislative and non-legislative measures to encourage recycling and proper disposal of wastes have been taken by the Government. Legislative measures include notification of draft rules on collection, segregation and proper disposal of municipal solid wastes namely, the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1999. Rule 8(1) of these rules emphasizes recycling of recoverable materials. Other legislative measures on wastes include notification on management and handling of hazardous waste namely Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 and subsequentamendment; Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and notifications on Use of Fly Ash and Recycled Plastics.To encourage environment friendly re-cycling and re-use, the availability of non-ferrous metallic waste, used oil and used lead acid batteries have been restricted only to actual users. Certain municipal bodies have been provided financial assistance for taking up projects related to municipal waste management including composting of organic wastes. Waste minimisation and adoption of cleaner technologies are also encouraged.